associating a selected hyperlink with the clickable item; and

in response to a click event, proximate the clickable item, opening the selected page with the selected hyperlink in a browser window.

124. (New)   The method of claim 123, wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable label.

125. (New)   The method of claim 123, wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable image.

126. (New)   The method of claim 120 wherein the user selectable function comprises:

creating a clickable item in a window;

associating a URL of a current page with the clickable item;

opening the selected page associated with the selected hyperlink; and

in response to a click event proximate the clickable item, opening a browser window with the URL associated with the clickable item.

REMARKS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of an interview on April 23, 2002. The above amendments and the following remarks are a full and complete response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2002. Claims 64-126 are pending in this application, with claims 1-63 canceled by the present amendment and claims 64-126 added by the present amendment. In the outstanding Office Action claims 1, 11, and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), claims 22, 32, 40-43,

53 and 61 were rejected under 35 USC §102(a), and claims 2-10, 12-18, 23-32, 33-39, 44-52 and 54-60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)(two different rejections). No new matter has been entered. Claims 64-126 are presented for consideration.

Specification

Applicants have amended the title to clearly describe the invention claimed.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1, 11, and 19-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Rosen (U.S. Patent No. 5,995,102). The cancellation of claims 1, 11 and 19-21 renders this rejection moot.

35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

Claims 22, 32, 40-43, 53, and 61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Microsoft Homepage dated Feb 28, 2000. The cancellation of claims 22, 32, 40-43, 53 and 61 renders this rejection moot.

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 2-10 and 12-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rosen (listed above). The cancellation of claims 2-10 and 12-18 renders this rejection moot.

Claims 23-32, 33-39, 44-52 and 54-60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by Microsoft Homepage dated Feb 28, 2000. The cancellation of claims 23-32, 33-39, 44-52 and 54-60 renders this rejection moot.

New Claims

New claims 64-126 are added by the present amendment. These claims are patentable over the prior art as discussed at the interview and summarized below.

As recited in claim 64, one embodiment of the present invention provides a method for providing a user selectable check-it-later function to a hyperlink on a page in a browser window, the page having at least one hyperlink. The method includes with a single user action: (i) creating a check-it-later browser window; and (ii) copying a user selected hyperlink into the check-it-later browser window. Further, in response to a click event, proximate the user selected hyperlink in the check-it-later browser window, the method includes displaying the user selected page associated with the user selected hyperlink.

As recited in claim 71, one embodiment of the present invention provides a method for providing a user selectable anchor-current-page function to a first page displayed in a first browser window, with the first page having at least one hyperlink. The method includes with a single user action: (i) creating an anchor browser window; (ii) creating an anchor hyperlink that represents a URL of the first page in the anchor browser window; and (iii) opening a second page associated with a selected hyperlink in the first browser window. In response to a click event proximate the anchor hyperlink, the method further includes opening the first page in a browser window.

As recited in claim 79, one embodiment of the present invention provides a method for providing at least one user selectable function to a page displayed in a current browser window. The method includes displaying a toolbar, with the toolbar displaying at least one user selectable function. In response to a users selection of a

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function, the method further includes calling the selected function. The at least one user selectable function is selected from the group comprising: open in new window-with window minimized, check it later, or anchor current page.

As recited in claim 91, one embodiment of the present invention provides a method for providing at least one user selectable function to a first page displayed in a current browser window. The method includes displaying a toolbar without the user executing a click event, the toolbar displaying at least one user selectable function. In response to a users selection of a function, the method further includes calling the selected function.

As discussed in the interview, the Specification at page 6, line 6 specifically defines the term "function." Function is defined as any subroutine, executable file, applet, servlet, plug-in, active x-control, or other executable software and/or script.

As discussed in the interview, Rosen (U.S. Patent No. 5,995,102) teaches a server system and method for modifying a cursor image. The modified cursor image displays an advertising icon when the user places a pointer over a hyperlink.

In Rosen, the background section (column 1, lines 24-40) teaches that it is well-known in the art of banner advertising to provide a banner ad in the form of a hyperlink, in which users who yield to the advertisement solicitation to "Click Here" are transported to the website of the manufacturer of the product or service being advertised, or to some other screen which provides additional information about the product or service.

Consequently, Rosen discloses that it is known in the art that the banner ad may change to display the words "Click Here" when the user places the cursor proximate the

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banner ad. The user, however, can click on and follow the hyperlink or ignore the hyperlink. Consequently, Rosen, does not disclose or suggest a user selectable function associated with the hyperlink. In contrast, the ability of the user to select the function to be accessed or utilized is clearly recited in the present claims.

As also discussed in the interview, http://web.archive.org/web/20000229132108/ http://www.microsoft.com (described in detail in Gennaro et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5, 742,768)) teaches a hyperlink menu structure. In this structure, when a user moves a pointer over a hyperlink, a drop down menu with additional related hyperlinks is displayed. Consequently, the user may select the original hyperlink or one of the additional hyperlinks in the drop down menu. Despite displaying additional hyperlinks, the user either clicks on and follows a particular hyperlink or ignores the hyperlink. Consequently, neither Gennaro nor http://web.archive.org/web/20000229132108/ http://www.microsoft.com provide a user selectable function associated with the hyperlink. In contrast, the ability of the user to select the function to be accessed or utilized is clearly recited in the present claims.

Thus, none of the cited references teach or suggest the user selectable function or the ability to associate a user selectable function with a hyperlink as recited in the claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of claims 64-126.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendments and remarks have clearly overcome the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated March 1, 2002. Specifically, the cancellation of claims

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1-63 has rendered moot the 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e), 102(a) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections of these claims. Applicants remarks have also distinguished new claims 64-126 from the cited prior art. Accordingly, claims 64-126 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request consideration and allowance of claims 64-126.

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney by telephone, if it is believed that such a contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

Additionally, in the event that any additional fees are due with respect to the filing of this paper, the undersigned authorizes the Office to charge any additional fees to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing Attorney Docket No. 023460-00001.

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